GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department – irregularities of non entering of agreement with the contractors for the work of "O&M of CPWS Scheme to Medarametla of Prakasam District for the FY 2022-23– Disciplinary proceedings against Sri Sk.Mardan Ali, the then Superintending Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department, Ongole and now retired – Charges framed – Appointment of Smt. T. Gayatri Devi, Chief Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department as Inquiry Officer and Superintending Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department Circle, Guntur as Presenting Officer under Rule 20(2) and 20(5)(c) of APCCA Rules, 1991 – Orders – Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ & RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG.VI) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 656 **Dated: 20-11-2024**

Read the following:

1. Representation from Sri Emani Srinivasu Reddy, Prakasam District, Dt.14/11/2022.
2. Representation from Sri. Adapa Venkata Rao, Prakasam District, Dt.15/11/2022.
3. Govt. memo No.PRR01-RWS/552/2022-RWS-I, Dated: 23/11/2022.
4. From the ENC RWS&S, Vijayawada, Lr.No.AEE/DEE/Allegations/AVR/2023, Dated:10/03/2023.
5. Govt. Memo No.1908917/Vig.Vi/2022, dt:27.06.2023.
6. From the ENC, RWS&S Letter No.Vig(III)/RWS&S/2397/LOK/2023, dt:21.08.2023.
7. G. O. Rt. No.111, PR&RD(VIG.VI) Dept.,dt:05.02.2024.
8. Written Statement of Defense dt.15.04.2024 received from Sri Sk. Mardan Ali, the then SE, RWS&S, Ongole (Rtd).
9. Issued as Govt. Memo No.1908917/VIG.VI/2022, Dated:25/04/2024.
10. WSD dt.31.05.2024 from Sri Sk.Mardan Ali, the then SE, RWS&S, Ongole (Rtd) received on 05.06.2024.

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ORDER:-

In the reference 1st -2nd cited, two petitions filed by two contractors namely Sri Emani Srinivasu Reddy and Sri Adapa Venkata Rao in awarding of tenders in O&M of CPWS scheme to Medarametla and other habitations in Prakasam District and delaying of bills to be payable to them; requesting to conduct proper inquiry and for release of pending bills for the works executed.

2. Government vide Memo 3rd cited forwarded the above complaint petitions to Engineer-in-Chief, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department has requested to examine and furnish remarks to Government for taking further action in the matter. In response the Engineer-in-Chief, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department vide letter 4th cited has submitted the

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detailed report to Government. After examining the above remarks, Government have opined that since some of the allegations levelled by the above two contractors were proved in prima facie when verified the records available, has requested the Engineer-in-Chief, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department to furnish draft Article of Charges against the concerned officials of Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department Ongole who were involved in these allegations, vide Memo. 5th cited .

3. After receipt of the draft Article of Charges from the Engineer-in-Chief, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department 6th cited inrespect of Sri Sk.Mardan Ali, the then Superintending Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department, Ongole and now retired who involved in the above allegations, Government have framed Article of Charges vide orders 7th cited above.

4. In the reference 8th and 10th read above, the Charged Officer Sri Sk.Mardan Ali, the then Superintending Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department, Ongole and now retired has submitted the written statements of defence, in which he has furnished his contentions over the charges framed against him and requested Government, to exenorate the charges framed against him.

5. After examining the written statements of defence submitted by the Charged Officer, Government have decided to conduct regular departmental Inquiry against the Charged Officer on the charges framed against him and accordingly hereby appoint Smt. T. Gayatri Devi, Chief Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department as Inquiry Officer, under Rule 20 (2) of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991, to conduct detailed Inquiry into the charges framed against Sri Sk.Mardan Ali, the then Superintending Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department, Ongole and now retired.

6. Government also hereby appoint Superintending Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department Circle, Guntur as Presenting Officer to present the case before the Inquiry Officer, appointed in para 5 above, on behalf of the Government, under Rule, 20 (5) (C) of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991.

7. The Presenting Officer shall well acquaint himself with the facts of the case and present the case, before the Inquiry Officer, effectively. He is also requested to obtain and produce all necessary documents required by the Inquiry Officer, during the course of Inquiry and defend the case.

8. The Inquiry Officer is requested to conduct Inquiry strictly in terms of Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991 and submit his report in three (03) months, under rules in G.O. Ms No. 91, General Administration (SC.F) Department, dt:12.09.2022. Copies of charge Memo issued to the Charged Officers and Written statements of defence submitted by the Charged Officers are herewith furnished to the Inquiry Officer as required

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under Rule 20(7) of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

SHASHI BHUSHAN KUMAR
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Smt. T. Gayatri Devi, Chief Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department and Inquiry Officer (W.e.)
The Superintending Engineer, RWS&S Circle, Guntur and Presenting Officer.
The individual through the Engineer-in-Chief, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department, Vijayawada.
The Engineer-in-Chief, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department, Vijayawada.

Copy to:
The OSD to Hon'ble Dy.CM (PR&RD, RWS and EFS&T).
The P.S to Spl CS., to Govt., (PR&RD).
Sc/Sf.

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SECTION OFFICER